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SUBJECT: FRINGE TERRORISTS KILL TEN IN BELFAST

1. THERE CONSIDERABLE VIOLENCE BELFAST WEEKEND APRIL 5 AND 6: (A) TWO PUBS ONE CATHOLIC ONE PROTESTANT BOMBED WITHOUT WARNING APRIL 5. SEVEN PEOPLE KILLED AND ABOUT EIGHTY HOSPITALIZED (B) THREE MEN TWO CATHOLIC ONE PROTESTANT SHOT AND KILLED AND ANOTHER EIGHT SHOT AND WOUNDED, C) A THIRD BOMB DID STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO CATHOLIC EX-SERVICEMEN CLUB AND A FOURTH THROWN INTO HOUSE SERIOUSLY INJURED ONE WOMAN (D) (OFFICIAL) REPUBLICAN CLUB LEADER DES O'HAGAN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED BY SHOT AND FORMER ULSTER DEFENSE ASSOCIATION (UDA) SPOKESMAN SAM SMITH SURVIVED DOORSTEP ATTACK IN WHICH TEN SHOTS FIRED (E) POLICE SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ONE SEAMUS GREW PROBABLY A MEMBER OFFICIAL IRA IN ARMAGH.

2. PUB BOMBINGS APPEAR SECTARIAN IN NATURE. TITLES OF "YOUNG MILITANT UDA" AND "PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY" EMERGED OVER WEEKEND TO JOIN LONG LOCAL LIST OF PSEUDO PARAMILITARY OR FRINGE TERRORIST GROUPS. MOST SHOOTINGS APPEAR BE MANIFESTATIONS FEUDS BETWEEN EITHER LOYALIST GROUPS UDA AND UNCLASSIFIED

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ULSTER VOLUNTEER FORCE OR OFFICIAL IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY

AND IRISH REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (IRSP). IF THERE ANY
IDEOLOGICAL MOTIVE FOR LATTER FEUD IT PROBABLY INTENSIFIED
OVER WEEKEND BY NEWS IRSP HAD VOTED NOT RPT NOT CONTEST
CONVENTION ELECTION. REPUBLICAN CLUBS (OFFICIAL SINN FEIN IN
NORTH OR "POLITICAL WING" OFFICIAL IRA) WILL FIELD CANDIDATES.

3. PROVISIONAL IRA NOT RPT NOT BELIEVED INVOLVED VIOLENCE
BELFAST UNLESS RUMORS TO EFFECT SOME PROVISIONALS ACTING AS
GUNMEN FOR IRSP TURN OUT TO BE TRUE. PROVISIONAL CEASEFIRE
HOLDING GENERALLY ALTHOUGH THERE THREE INCIDENTS AROUND NEWRY
OVER WEEKEND IN WHICH SHOTS FIRED AT ARMY PATROLS AND BARRACKS.
THESE WERE PROBABLY ACTIONS FRACTIOUS NEWRY AREA PROVISIONALS.
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